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WITH FRENCH

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2. SUMMARY. ON JUNE 1, AF/C DIRECTOR RENDER CALLED IN
FRENCH EMBASSY AFRICA WATCHER BRIGITTE COLLET TO DISCUSS
OUR RECENT DEMARCHE ON EX-FAR ACTIVITIES IN EASTERN ZAIRE
(REF A), IN AN EFFORT TO CLEAR UP ANY MISUNDERSTANDING
ABOUT THE INTENT OF THE DEMARCHE. RENDER MADE CLEAR THAT
THE DEMARCHE WAS AIMED AT THE ZAIRIANS, NOT/NOT THE

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FRENCH, AND THAT WE WERE ONLY SEEKING TO ENLIST THE
FRENCH (AND BELGIANS) TO PUT PRESSURE ON ZAIRE TO REIN IN
EX-FAR ACTIVITIES AND ENSURE NO COLLUSION BY ELEMENTS OF
THE ZAIRIAN MILITARY (FAZ). [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] ON RWANDA, AF/C OUTLINED THE USG
POSITION ON UNAMIR AND CONFIRMED THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE
OUR AID TO RWANDA FOLLOWING THE ISSUANCE OF THE KIBEHO
REPORT. END SUMMARY

EX-FAR DEMARCHE: NO OFFENSE INTENDED ...

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3. AF/C DIRECTOR RENDER EXPLAINED THAT THE PURPOSE OF
THE RECENT DEMARCHE ON EX-FAR ACTIVITIES WAS TO RAISE OUR
CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBLE FAZ COLLUSION WITH THE EX-FAR AND
TO URGE THE ZAIRIANS TO AVOID ANY ACTION THAT WOULD
FURTHER DESTABILIZE THE AREA. SHE MADE CLEAR THAT THE
DEMARCHE WAS DIRECTED AT THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT, NOT THE
FRENCH, AND THAT WE WERE MERELY ASKING THE FRENCH TO PUT
SIMILAR PRESSURE ON THE ZAIRIANS. UNFORTUNATELY, NOTED
RENDER, MANY IN THE QUAI THOUGHT WE WERE SUGGESTING THAT
THE FRENCH WERE SOMEHOW INVOLVED IN THE AFFAIR, WHICH WAS
MOST DEFINITELY NOT THE CASE. THIS WAS PROBABLY DUE TO
THE COINCIDENTAL TIMING OF THE APPROACH TO THE FRENCH AND
THE RELEASE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH ARMS REPORT. SHE
ASSURED COLLET THAT THE CABLE WAS PREPARED BEFORE THE
REPORT WAS EVEN RELEASED AND THAT THE TWO WERE TOTALLY
UNRELATED.

4. RENDER NOTED THAT THE DEMARCHE WAS FULLY CONSISTENT
WITH OTHER PREVIOUS APPROACHES TO THE ZAIRIANS TO REIN IN
EX-FAR ACTIVITIES AND POSSIBLE ARMS FLOWS. SHE ADDED
THAT WE HAD MADE THE VERY SAME DEMARCHE TO THE BELGIANS,
AS IN MANY OTHER CASES WHERE WE ENLIST FRENCH AND BELGIAN
SUPPORT ON ZAIRE ISSUES. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] RENDER
ASKED COLLET TO PASS OUR CLARIFICATION ON TO PARIS AND TO
ASSURE THEM THAT WE DID NOT INTEND IN ANY WAY TO QUESTION
FRENCH ACTIONS. COLLET MAINTAINED HER USUAL FRIENDLY
DISPOSITION THROUGHOUT OUR EXPLANATION AND DID NOT APPEAR
AT ALL CONCERNED BY THE ISSUE. [REDACTED]

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5. RENDER SAID WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT THE APPARENT
DOWNWARD SPIRAL IN BURUNDI AND REVIEWED THE REPORT OF AN
APPARENT FEEBLE COUP ATTEMPT MAY 28.

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7. RENDER INFORMED COLLET THAT WE WERE GOING FORWARD
WITH A PRELIMINARY, SECRET MEETING TO DISCUSS WHAT COULD
BE DONE IN THE EVENT PREVENTIVE DIPLOMACY FAILS AND THE
WORST-CASE SCENARIO OCCURS. (ADDRESSEES PLEASE NOTE
MEETING IS VERY CLOSE HOLD.) RENDER STRESSED, HOWEVER,
THAT WE INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON PREVENTIVE
DIPLOMACY EFFORTS.

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RWANDA: UNAMIR, KIBEHO

8. COLLET ASKED ABOUT THE UPCOMING UNAMIR RENEWAL AND
OUR REACTION TO THE KIBEHO REPORT. WE BRIEFED HER ON THE
USG POSITION ON UNAMIR, EXPLAINED OUR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE
THE RWANDANS TO SOFTEN THEIR INITIAL TOUGH STANCE, AND
REPORTED THAT THE RWANDANS HAVE RECENTLY SHOWN MUCH
GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON THE ISSUE. ON KIBEHO, RENDER SAID
WE WANTED AN INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION AND THAT'S WHAT WE

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GOT. WHILE EXPRESSING HER PERSONAL VIEW THAT THE REPORT APPEARED TO SAY LESS THAN IT MIGHT HAVE, RENDER NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION DID CONCLUDE THAT THE TRAGEDY COULD HAVE BEEN AVOIDED, ALTHOUGH IT WAS NOT PRE-PLANNED. SHE REITERATED THAT OUR AID IS FOCUSED ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ACCOUNTABILITY -- THE VERY KINDS OF ACTIVITIES THAT SHOULD BE PURSUED -- AND WE WILL CONTINUE WITH THEM.

NO VISITS BY BONGO OR MO

9. COLLET ASKED ABOUT POSSIBLE VISITS TO THE U.S. BY PRESIDENTS BONGO AND MOBUTU. RENDER REPLIED THAT BONGO'S WOULD-BE TRIP TO THE U.S. WAS DECLINED FOR REASONS OF BAD TIMING AND THAT MOBUTU WAS STILL SUBJECT TO THE VISA PROCLAMATION AND WOULD NOT BE COMING TO THE U.S.

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